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WE CANNOT AFFORD TO EXPEND OUR MEAGER STORE OF
INTERMEASURES PREMATURELY. NOR SHOULD WE TAKE STEPS
THAT MIGHT BRING ABOUT REPRISALS AGAINST OUR ACCESS
TO ENCOURAGE A POPULAR REVOLT -- DEVELOPMENTS WHICH I
WISH WERE IN OUR INTEREST TO AVOID.

LOOKING AT THE MEASURES MENTIONED IN DEPTTEL 747 WITH THIS
FRAMEWORK, I FEEL THAT MOST ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO PRESENT
SITUATION. THEY ARE EITHER TOO EXTREME (E.G. TRADE EMBARGO),
NOT SUFFICIENTLY RELEVANT (E.G. SCRAPPING OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES
AND US-SOV AIR AGREEMENT), LIKELY TO EVOKE UNDESIRABLE
COUNTER-ACTION (E.G. TTD BAN) OR INCAPABLE OF BEING APPLIED
UNIVERSALLY (E.G. LEIPZIG FAIR BOYCOTT, BAN ON WESTERN
TRAVEL TO GDR).

A WESTERN INITIATIVE CONFINED TO PROTEST WILL NOT OF
COURSE SATISFY THOSE WHO CLAMOR FOR BOLDER ACTION.
A PROTEST DEVICE IS NOW ADMITTEDLY A SERIOUSLY DEPRECIATED
CURRENCY IN CONVINCING PUBLIC AND OTHER SIDE OF SERIOUSNESS
OF WESTERN PURPOSE. IF, HOWEVER, WE SHOULD FOCUS SPOTLIGHT
ON INHUMANITY OF SOVBLOC ACTION, EFFECT GENERALLY,
AND PARTICULARLY ON UNCOMMITTED AREAS, MAY WELL BE
CONSIDERABLE. I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLES OF
AFRICA ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA WOULD NOT BE MOVED BY
SPECTACLE OF EAST BERLINERS BEING PENNED IN BY RING OF
TANKS AND ARMED SENTRYS.

IN SUM I THINK THIS IS THE TIME FOR VIGOROUS WESTERN
PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY IN ADVANCE OF THE CONVOCAATION OF A
FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

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